

January 13, 1976

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill that can properly come up is LB 545. LB 545 introduced by Senator Kennedy and the Public Health Committee and signed by the members thereof. Read title. The bill was first considered January 7th, 1976 at which time the Committee amendments were considered but not adopted. There are now pending Committee amendments by Senator Kennedy's Public Health Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, fellow members, we were discussing this at some length the other day and Senator Wally Barnett did come up with a thought that they have changed the name of the institution and so there is an amendment that I would like to put to the Committee amendments. I believe that it should be proper that we adopt the Committee amendments first.

CLERK: Your amendment applies to something different than the Committee amendment so the Committee amendment should be considered first.

SENATOR KENNEDY: So I would like to work on the Committee amendments, then, first, but there was a change in the name from a superintendent to an administrator and that would be the one that would follow but I would like to move for the adoption of the Committee amendments. The amendment mainly is to provide that these charges that are held in the institution can have an increase from the, originally the bill was written with an increase from the \$750 to the \$1500. Now that \$1500 figure is a general figure that is used nationally among the majority of the states. That was, during our Committee discussion on it, increased by a motion from Senator Cavanaugh, from the \$1500 to a \$5000. This certainly would put Nebraska in a unique position above all other states, but at this time, I would ask for the adoption of this Committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to offer an amendment to the Committee amendment to change the \$5000 figure to \$2000 and I will submit that right now. Another suggestion, while we are waiting, Mr. Clerk, this may be in your area of responsibility. I am not sure. But when are we going to get some machinery that will print committee statements in these books so that we can read them.

CLERK: The problem that arose there is that we were Xeroxing the Committee statements as prepared from last year.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Even last year, Mr. Clerk, it is very difficult on some of these. They are just blurred and very poorly printed and everybody has been complaining about it and I don't know if we have complained to the right place or not.